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Mr. D. Michael Light
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Re: **Sauget Area 1 Sites**

Dear Mike:

We are submitting this letter in response to an inquiry from Kimberly Perry of your office as to whether Cerro would consent to trenching on Site I. As you would recall, on September 30, 1999 we met with various representatives of the USEPA to discuss the trenching issue. All present at that meeting agreed that trenching on Site I would be deferred until Solutia had performed a series of less intrusive tests at Site I, including arial photo review, magnetometer surveys, ground penetrating radar, soil gas surveys and soil borings. We further agreed that once this testing was completed, we would meet again with the USEPA to discuss the trenching issue. You indicated at that meeting that groundwater data would be available by November or December of 1999 and that the remaining testing results would be available early in 2000.

To date, Cerro has received no data or results from any of the testing conducted on its property, including Site I. We note that paragraph 6 of the Access Agreement between Cerro and Solutia obligates Solutia to provide Cerro with results of all sampling it undertakes on Cerro's property and copies of all reports that refer to those samples. If any sampling results or reports falling within this provision are available, we request that you provide them to us as soon as possible.

In the meantime, Cerro is not prepared to consent to any trenching on Site I but remains willing to meet with you and the USEPA once we have reviewed the results of the non-intrusive testing.

We are, of course, available should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Very truly yours,

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